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**LABELLE MAN SENTENCED FOR BANK ROBBERIES IN FORT MYERS**

Fort Myers, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced defendant Tommie Thomas, 36, formerly of Labelle, Florida, received a sentence of more than 13 years in prison, for bank robberies in Fort Myers and Naples, Florida, Ohio and North Carolina. Thomas was sentenced on April 28, 2004, in Charlotte, North Carolina, and received a 162 month period of incarceration, followed by a period of 3 years supervised release.

Thomas robbed the Fifth Third Bank at 5636 Tavilla Circle, Naples, on August 17, 2001, and that same day robbed the First National Bank at 2915 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Fort Myers and Charlotte, North Carolina.